

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 11/04/04 and the telephonic communication held 01/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 4-17, 22-31, 33-46 and 51-58
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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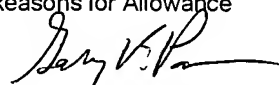
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20050118.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


Gary Paumen
Primary Examiner

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Agostino on January 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 line 16, after "sizes" insert:

--; wherein said free ends of said liner leg are movable between a first position, in which said free ends abut each other, and a second position in which said free ends are spaced apart from each other; wherein said free ends of said Inner legs move from said first position to said second position in response to insertion of a wire in said wire slot;

wherein each of said outer legs has an inboard side proximate to said wire slot and an outboard side opposite said inboard side; wherein each of said inner legs has an inboard side proximate to said wire slot and an outboard side opposite said inboard side;

wherein one of said outer legs has a first stop extending from said inboard side thereof toward said outboard side of an adjacent one of said inner legs, and the other of said outer legs has a second stop extending from said inboard side thereof toward said outboard side of the other of said inner legs, said first stop defining the limit of said

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second position of said adjacent one of said inner legs and said second stop defining the limit of said second position of said other of said inner legs; and wherein at least one of said stops is adjacent said region of reduced width--.

Cancel claim 3.

In claim 4 line 1, change "3" to --1--.

In claim 6 line 1, change "3" to --1--.

In claim 8 line 1, change "3" to --1--.

Cancel claims 18-21.

In claim 22 line 1, change "19" to --1--.

In claim 27 line 2, delete "and inboard side proximate to said wire slot, and".

In claim 30 line 16, after "sizes" insert:

--; wherein said free ends of said liner leg are movable between a first position, in which said free ends abut each other, and a second position in which said free ends are

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spaced apart from each other; wherein said free ends of said Inner legs move from said first position to said second position in response to insertion of a wire in said wire slot;

wherein each of said outer legs has an inboard side proximate to said wire slot and an outboard side opposite said inboard side; wherein each of said inner legs has an inboard side proximate to said wire slot and an outboard side opposite said inboard side;

wherein one of said outer legs has a first stop extending from said inboard side thereof toward said outboard side of an adjacent one of said inner legs, and the other of said outer legs has a second stop extending from said inboard side thereof toward said outboard side of the other of said inner legs, said first stop defining the limit of said second position of said adjacent one of said inner legs and said second stop defining the limit of said second position of said other of said inner legs; and wherein at least one of said stops is adjacent said region of reduced width--.

Cancel claim 32.

In claim 33 line 1, change "32" to --30--.

In claim 35 line 1, change "32" to --30--.

In claim 37 line 1, change "32" to --30--.

Cancel claims 47-50.

In claim 51 line 1, change "48" to --30--.


In claim 58 line 2, delete "and inboard side proximate to said wire slot, and".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Felix O. Figueroa whose telephone number is (571) 272-2003. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 10:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 Ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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